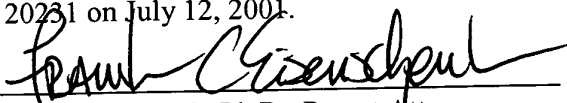


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Sir:

A Petition and Fee for a four-month Extension of Time through and including July 16, 2001 has been submitted with a Continued Prosecution Application Request Transmittal on July 16, 2001.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows:

In the Claims

Please substitute the following claims:

Claim 1 (Twice Amended):

A peptide-based immunotherapeutic agent comprising a linear polypeptide molecule,
wherein said polypeptide: